(c) what corresponding steps have been taken or economic package offered to other States to ensure harmonious development of the country and giving a legitimate share of employment to the youth of such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister during his visit to J&K in November, 2004, announced a reconstruction plan for J&K involving an outlay of Rs. 24,000 crores which broadly includes infrastructure projects, health care, civic amenities, grants-in-aid for LAHDC at Leh and Kargil, thrust to employment and income generation in sectors like tourism, industries, agriculture and food processing industries, measures for self-employment, recruitment of J&K youth in Central Police Forces and measures for relief and rehabilitation for families of migrants.

Special packages have also been granted for the socio-economic development of the North Eastern States. These include PM's package of January 2000, special package for the Bodoland Territorial Areas District in Assam providing an assistance of Rs. 100.00 crores per year over a period of five years, special package for Tripura for Rs. 55.00 crores and the special package for Manipur for Rs. 714.15 crores recently announced by the PM.

Besides, the Government has initiated schemes like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) etc. which not only create assets but also generate employment opportunities in all the States including States affected by terrorism.

Spurt in left wing activities

1599. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recent press reports the Director General, CRPF has expressed his apprehensions regarding the spurt in activities of Left wing extremism/Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and other affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto and the preventive measures it propose to take to cope with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Director General, CRPF has not expressed his apprehension regarding the spurt in activities of

Left Wing extremism/Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and other affected States in recent press reports. However, in an informal discussion with one national daily on 28.1.2005 he spoke about the deployment of CRPF in the Naxal affected States and the excellent work being performed by the troops in fighting naxalite menace.

Agreement with Myanmar for Combating Terrorism

1600. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any agreement with Myanmar for combating terrorism, organized crime and drug trafficking;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the efforts being made by Government to fight terrorism, organized crime and drug trafficking at Myanmar border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Government of Union of Myanmar was signed on the 25th October 2004 with the objective of enhancing mutual cooperation in dealing with issues relating to terrorism, illicit trafficking in narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances, smuggling in arms and ammunition, organized crime, money laundering, international economic crime and cyber crime.

(c) The Government has taken various steps to control the insurgency in North Eastern States. These include, *inter alia,* deployment of Paramilitary Forces and Army in the States, coordinated action by Army, Para Military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, declaration of "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modemization/upgradation of State Police Forces. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is also being made. The Government has also given an open offer to militant groups to abjure the path of violence and seek peaceful solution of their demands within the framework of Constitution of India.

A number of steps have been taken to curb the cross-border smuggling of narcotic drugs along the Indo-Myanmar border which, inter alia, include strict surveillance at important points and land borders and enforcement of